

47629 to 47830—Continued.

47719. MAOUTIA PUYA (Hook.) Wedd. Urticaceæ.

A shrub, native to the tropical Himalayas and distributed throughout the Straits Settlements and Japan. It is not cultivated, but from the bark is obtained a fiber which is much used for fishing nets, game bags, etc. The dark-green, serrate leaves have silvery lower surfaces. (Adapted from Watt, *Dictionary of the Economic Products of India*, vol. 5, p. 177.)

47720. MEIBOMIA CEPHALOTES (Roxb.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.

(*Desmodium cephalotes* Wall.)

A tall shrub, with densely silky, acutely angled, zigzag branches and dense umbels of deep-red flowers. It is native to the eastern Himalayas. The Santals of Bengal eat the pods. Cattle and goats are said to be fond of the leaves. (Adapted from Watt, *Dictionary of the Economic Products of India*, vol. 3, p. 81, and Hooker, *Flora of British India*, vol. 2, p. 161.)

47721. MEIBOMIA FLORIBUNDA (D. Don) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.

(*Desmodium floribundum* Don.)

A woody, densely pubescent Himalayan plant with very copious axillary and terminal racemes of red flowers. (Adapted from Hooker, *Flora of British India*, vol. 2, p. 167.)

Received as *Desmodium sambucense*, which is now referred to *Meibomia floribunda*.

47722. MEIBOMIA GYROIDES (DC.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.

(*Desmodium gyroides* DC.)

A shrubby plant, 8 to 10 feet in height, with obtuse, pubescent leaves and axillary and terminal racemes of red flowers. It is a native of the tropical regions of the central and eastern Himalayas. (Adapted from Hooker, *Flora of British India*, vol. 2, p. 175.)

47723. MEIBOMIA HETEROCARPA (L.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.

(*Desmodium polycarpum* DC.)

An erect or suberect undershrub found throughout the Himalayas and in Burma. All of the bushy species of this genus are said to contain good fibers used in some cases for paper making. (Adapted from Watt, *Dictionary of the Economic Products of India*, vol. 3, p. 83.)

47724. MEIBOMIA PULCHELLA (L.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.

(*Desmodium pulchellum* Benth.)

An erect pubescent shrub, with trifoliolate leaves and red flowers in spikelike axillary and terminal racemes. It is a native of southern India, Bengal, and Burma. (Adapted from Brandis, *Forest Flora of India*, p. 145.)

47725. MEIBOMIA SEQUAX (Wall.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.

(*Desmodium sequax* Wall.)

A shrub, 2 to 20 feet in height, with the branches clothed with dense gray or brown pubescence, and with red flowers in copious racemes. It is a native of the Himalayas from Simla and Kumaon to Sikkim, India. (Adapted from Hooker, *Flora of British India*, vol. 2, p. 170.)

47726. MEIBOMIA TILIAEFOLIA (D. Don) Kuntze. Fabaceæ.

(*Desmodium tiliaefolium* Don.)

A large deciduous shrub of the Himalayas, from the bark of which is obtained an excellent fiber used extensively in rope making and also in